

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0263:  
" 'BBO Bridge Master' Let's You  
Practice 'Placing' 'Missing' Honors by  
(1) *Listening* to the Auction and  
(2) *Attending* to Opponents' Play of the Hand"**

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As noted in Esther's web posting, "**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Duplicate Bridge!**"<sup>2</sup>, the "**Squeeze Play**" was popularized by **George Sturgis Coffin** (1903 - 1994) who in 1932 published the first of numerous editions of his hugely influential bridge book, Endplays: Eliminations, Squeezes, Coups. Esther has previously posted an "Esther Bridge Lesson" about the "**Squeeze Play**":

<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/squeeze.pdf>



Often when things look desperate to you as Declarer the "**Squeeze Play**" can come to your rescue. You "strip" your Opponents of most of their cards and then near the end of play you play a card that forces an Opponent to select a discard in a situation where any discard choice by the Opponent creates a new "winner" for you.

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<sup>1</sup> As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA\\_1\\_24.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf), Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

<sup>2</sup> See: [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/br\\_hist.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/br_hist.pdf)

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Esther on her "Esther Bridge Lessons" website has previously recommended the "BBO Bridge Master" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

The "BBO Bridge Master" website allows you to declare your skill level, then shows a series of Hands and announces the final contract, each of which you then play as Declarer. At the end of play you can then request a solution in which the optimal "Line of Play" is discussed step by step. Here we use the free "BBO Bridge Master" Level-4 Lesson B-09 which gives you the opportunity to see and repeatedly practice running a "Squeeze Play". Esther may have altered some of the cards in the Board.

Note. The present lesson uses a **NT** contract as an example but the "Squeeze Play" can also be employed when you are playing as Declarer in a Suit contract.

**BBO Bridge Master Level 4 Lesson B-09**

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (11)

**S:** J 3  
**H:** K Q J  
**D:** A 6 4 3  
**C:** 9 8 7 5

WEST (11)

**S:** T 9 2  
**H:** 5 3  
**D:** J T 9 8  
**C:** A K Q J

EAST (2)

**S:** Q 6 5 4  
**H:** T 9 8 7 6 4  
**D:** 7 5  
**C:** T

SOUTH (16)

**S:** A K 8 7  
**H:** A 2  
**D:** K Q 2  
**C:** 6 4 3 2

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	PASS	PASS	<b>1NT</b>
PASS	<b>3NT</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS			

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Club Jack from his "longest and strongest" Suit. WEST proceeds to then "win" a total of 4 Club Tricks. So, to "make" his contract Declarer SOUTH **must** "win"

every remaining Trick. On Trick **#5** WEST switches and leads his Diamond Jack.

1. Where should Declarer SOUTH "place" the "missing" Spade Queen?
2. Where else can Declarer SOUTH "win" an "extra" Trick?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
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